

## House Resolution No. 4137

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are proud and pleased to pause in the course of their diverse daily activities to recognize milestone events in the histories of Missouri educational institutions; and

**Whereas**, the members now pause to recognize College Heights Christian School, of Joplin, Missouri, which is observing its thirtieth anniversary this month; and

**Whereas**, founded by D.A. Austin, former pastor of College Heights Christian School, in 1978 as a private, nondenominational, not-for-profit school serving grades kindergarten through eighth, College Heights Christian School has evolved from an enterprise to an institution and to a community fixture; and

**Whereas**, beginning in 1979, one high-school grade was added every year until the first senior class graduated in 1983; and

**Whereas**, since 1983, nearly seven hundred students have graduated from College Heights Christian School; and

**Whereas**, through the school's Tuition Assistance Program, more than \$100,000 annually is awarded; and

**Whereas**, the student body of College Heights Christian School represents more than ninety different churches and four states, students who consistently score above the national average on ACTs and SATs; and

**Whereas**, over the years, the school's facilities have grown from two hallways of classrooms and a cafeteria, to an area bigger than 140,000 square feet that includes forty-one classrooms, offices, a science lab, a computer center, band and choir rooms, conference rooms, playgrounds, a soccer field, and a gymnasium, serving an annual enrollment of six hundred students; and

**Whereas**, the school's programs now include a preschool for three- and four-year-olds, half-day and full-day kindergartens, a morning and afternoon extended day-care program, enrichment classes, college and university preparatory classes, and an honors program:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere congratulations to the faculty, students, administrators, staff, and alumni of College Heights Christian School on the illustrious occasion of the school's thirtieth anniversary, with our very best wishes for continued success; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of College Heights Christian School.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Ronald F. Richard  
District No. 129

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4137, adopted September 16, 2008.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker